# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

WALTERS GARDENS, INC.

Opposition No. 91153755

Opposer,

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PRIDE OF PLACE PLANTS, INC.

Applicant.

APPLICANT'S REPLY TO OPPOSER'S OPPOSITION TO APPLICANT'S MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS AND REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY TELEPHONE HEARING

In response to Opposer Walters Gardens, Inc. opposition to Applicant Pride of Place Plants, Inc.'s ("PoPP") Motion to Suspend proceedings and request for emergency telephone hearing, PoPP corrects its earlier statement that Mr. Rick Sorensen informed counsel for PoPP of his illness on October 6, 2004. PoPP inadvertently indicated that Mr. Sorensen so informed counsel for PoPP on this date, when in fact counsel for PoPP did not receive Mr. Sorensen's message until late in the day on October 11, 2004.

In addition, PoPP's counsel did not receive Mr. Sorensen's message until after confirming the date of Mr. Sorensen's testimonial deposition with Opposer's counsel. Immediately after receiving Mr. Sorensen's message, PoPP's counsel contacted Opposer's counsel to inform him that the testimonial deposition would be cancelled. Accordingly, Opposer's statement in its opposition that PoPP's counsel continued to mislead Opposer's counsel regarding Mr. Sorensen's testimonial deposition is incorrect.

Further, despite Opposer's apparent willingness to travel to Mr. Sorensen for the testimonial deposition, Mr. Sorensen's poor health prevents him from attending any testimonial deposition, regardless of the location. Mr. Sorensen is extremely ill and unfit to give coherent testimony, as indicated by the Declaration of Jean Sorensen in support of Applicant's motion to suspend proceedings, attached to this reply as Exhibit 1. Accordingly, Mr. Sorensen is incapable

of attending a testimonial deposition at this time, regardless of Opposer's willingness to travel to him.

Suspension of these proceedings is necessary to allow Mr. Sorensen the necessary time to recover.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION OF JEAN SORENSEN IN SUPPORT OF APPLICANT'S MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEEDINGS AND REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY TELEPHONE HEARING

## L Jean Sorensen, declare and state as follows:

- I am the wife of Rick Sorensen, owner of Applicant, Pride of Place Plants, Inc. I
  make this declaration of my personal knowledge, and if called as a witness, could and would
  testify competently to each of the following facts.
- 2. Rick Sorensen has been diagnosed, by Dr. Wolfgang Wetzer, with a serious autoimmune disorder. Dr. Wetzer has indicated that, due to this illness, Rick Sorensen is unfit to travel.
- 3. I have been caring for Rick Sorensen ever since Dr. Wetzer diagnosed him with an autoimmune disorder. In caring for Rick Sorensen, I have observed his behavior and his health. Since being diagnosed, Rick Sorensen has been very weak and his health has been visibly very poor. He has remained in bed for the majority of the time since being diagnosed, and experiences great trouble carrying on normal activities, such as talking on the telephone. In

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my opinion, Rick Sorensen is not sufficiently coherent to be subjected to a testimonial deposition.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Declaration is executed this Wednesday, November 03, 2004, in British Colombia, Canada.

Jean Sorensen

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#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND SERVICE

I certify that on November 3, 2004, the foregoing APPLICANT'S REPLY TO OPPOSER'S OPPOSITION TO APPLICANT'S MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS AND REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY TELEPHONE HEARING is being deposited with the United States Postal Service by first-class mail addressed to:

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It is further certified that on November 3, 2004, the foregoing APPLICANT'S REPLY TO OPPOSER'S OPPOSITION TO APPLICANT'S MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS AND REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY TELEPHONE HEARING is being served by mailing a copy thereof by first-class mail addressed to:

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DECLARATION OF RICK SORENSEN IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEEDINGS AND REQUEST FOR **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE** HEARING

#### I. Rick Sorensen, declare:

- I am the owner of Applicant, Pride of Place Plants, Inc. I make this declaration of my personal knowledgee, and if called as a witness, could and would competently testify to each of the following facts.
- On October 6, 2004, I informed counsel for Pride of Place Plants, Inc. that I had 2. contracted an illness preventing me from attending my testimonial deposition previously scheduled for October 15, 2004. I have since been tentativley diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder having many facets.
- On October 25, 2004, I obtained a note from my primary carc physician, Dr. 3. Wolfgang Wetzer, detailing my condition. A true and correct copy of the note from Dr. Wetzer is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this Declaration is executed on this 25th day of October, 2004, in British Columbia, Canada.

Rick Sorensen

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